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In re Application of Stephan, et al. Application No. 09/940,454 Filed: August 29, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 64688/153

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition for Revival of an Application Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 2, 2003.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed October 9, 2001. This Notice gave applicants an extendable period of reply of two months to file substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. No extensions of time were obtained. No substitute drawings having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 10, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 5, 2003. Petitioner filed a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) on November 10, 2003. However, this petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on November 20, 2003.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee and made the proper statement of unintentional delay. The required reply, corrected drawings, was previously filed on November 10, 2003.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.

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